

Sport

BCB U-16 suffer defeat

Sport Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) under-16 Eleven suffered a five-wicket defeat at the hands of Calcutta Mayor Eleven in the Calcutta Mayor Cup international youth cricket tournament final held in Calcutta yesterday.

According to a telephonic message received here last night, BCB under-16 batted first and scored 143 for eight in rain-curtailed 37 overs.

In reply, the home side reached home (144) in 35 overs with five wickets to spare.

For his brilliant all-round performance, BCB under-16 vice-captain Hannan Sarkar was adjudged as man-of-the-tournament.

The team is likely to return home today.

Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

NABIN SANGHA: 190 for 7 in 40 overs (Sajjad 47*, Ripon 31, Bipal 26)

INDIRA ROAD KC: 192 for 6 in 38 overs (Rashid 50, Zaman 39*, Kabir 25; Pavel 1/18)

Result: Indira Road KC won by four wickets.

MARINER YOUNGS CLUB: 191 for 8 in 40 overs (Ashraf 60, Abed 37, Lal Mia 4/23)

RUPALI BANK SC: 193 for 8 in 38.2 overs (Santanu 39, Ismail 37*, Munna 22, Arman 2/29)

Result: Rupali Bank won by two wickets.

Indira Road Krira Chakra and Rupali Bank won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches held at different venues in the city yesterday.

Indira Road defeated Nabin Sangha by four wickets at the Mirpur Outer Stadium while Rupali Bank beat Mariner Youngs by two wickets at the Uttara Friends' Club ground.

Pierce's perfect day

MELBOURNE, Jan 15: French woman Mary Pierce celebrated her birthday by cutting a cake and beating her second-round rival at the Australian Open Wednesday, reports AP.

On top of that, she had a little extra pocket money from blackjack winnings the previous night.

"It was a great evening. I had a lot of fun," Pierce, the 1995 Australian champion, said of her trip to Melbourne's casino.

She had more fun Wednesday, the day she turned 22, by cruising past Natalia Medvedeva of Ukraine 6-2, 6-2 in 70 minutes.

Afterward, a relaxed Pierce blew out candles on a chocolate cake ringed with fresh fruit. She later handed out pieces of the cake to reporters and tournament staff.

Pierce said she had put a disappointing 1996 behind and was feeling happier on and off the court.

Not even being cautioned by the umpire about taking too long between points took the gloss off her day.

"I think I take a lot of time between points because first of all it's a natural thing for me to do," Pierce said.

"I'm not someone like Steffi (Graf) who just takes the ball and plays the next point. Sometimes I don't feel ready and I guess that's why I take so long. I don't realise I do."

Hoyer-Larsen in Round 3

TOKYO, Jan 15: Olympic gold medalist Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen advanced to the third round while silver medalist Dong Jiong was eliminated by lower-ranked Arbi B Wiranata in men's singles action Wednesday at the 170,000 dollars Yonex Japan Open badminton championship, reports AP.

Hoyer-Larsen of Denmark, the runner-up at the Taipei Open last week, the season-opening Grand Prix event, breezed past England's Colin Haughton 15-12, 15-11 in the first round and then beat Kevin Han of the United States 18-16, 15-6 in the second round later in the day.

In the day's biggest upset, Indonesian Wiranata, ranked 44th in the world, defeated world No 2 Dong of China 18-15, 15-6 in the second round.

In the women's singles, Olympic silver medalist Mia Audina of Indonesia advanced to the second round by beating Lotte Thomsen of Denmark 11-3, 11-3.

Maldini may break mark

ROME, Jan 15: Chelsea player-manager Ruud Gullit is looking to sign Italy's national captain and AC Milan's star left-back Paolo Maldini for 28 million dollars (around 17 million pounds), according to Italian paper Il Messaggero, reports AFP.

Should the deal go through, the transfer would eclipse the previous world record football signing of Alan Shearer by Newcastle United for 15 million pounds at the start of this season.

Chelsea managing director Colin Hutchinson would neither confirm nor deny the reports saying he had "no intention of speaking about transfers."

Three expensive Italian players — Gianluca Vialli, Gianfranco Zola and Roberto Di Matteo — are already included in the Chelsea line-up.

Wari whack Agrani Bank

Biman ride on Athar

Sports Reporter



Mohammedan Sporting Club slumped to second successive defeat within forty hours in the Premier cricket league when Bangladesh Biman humbled the defending champions with a 71-run thrashing at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a surprisingly one-sided affair, Mohammedans, facing an imposing Biman total of 236, were shot out for a paltry 165 in a most punishing way. The holders, who had earlier suffered their first defeat at the hands of Kalabagan on Monday, with this latest debacle, not only relinquished their hopes for a unique treble of the league title this year, but also slipped further behind in the race.

On the other hand, Biman, with this win, their seventh from eight matches, crossed a major hurdle in their serious bid to win the coveted title.

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH BIMAN: 236 for five in 50 overs (Athar Ali 95, Monsur Akhter 61, Nasir Shaukat 20 n.o.; Shanto 3/43)

MOHAMMEDAN SC: 165 all out in 44.1 overs (Nannu 42, Sujon 34, Parvez 23; Nasir Shaukat 4/13, Athar Ali 4/24)

AGRANI BANK: 143 all out in 47.4 overs (Azam Iqbal 47; Saifuddin Babu 2/19, Amir Wasim 2/33, Arif 2/34)

WARI CLUB: 144 for three in 37.4 overs (Obaidullah 66, Sajjad Kadir 45 n.o.)

National all-rounder Athar Ali Khan, instrumental for Biman's resounding victory, scored a dazzling 95 to lay a solid foundation for his side's huge total. The tall right-hander with his nagging medium pace then went on to capture four wickets for only 24 runs, skittling Mohammedans out with more than five overs to spare in the 50-over-a-side match.

Athar, the stand-in captain in the absence of Ziaur Rashid Rupon, celebrated the call to officiate the most demanding job with great aplomb right from the start. After calling the coin correctly in the morning and opting to use the wicket first, Athar shouldered the burden of opening the innings with a captain's knock of 95. He shared 67 runs for the first wicket with Shaheen before the latter departed for a patient 27. But the most entertaining partnership in Biman innings came when Pakistani Monzoor Khan joined Athar to feature in a potential match-winning stand of 100 runs for the third wicket.

Athar, who clouted nine fours in his polished 146-ball knock, fell five runs short of what would have been a well-deserved century, holding out at deep mid-wicket in the 45th over leaving his side strongly poised at 190/3. Monzoor Khan, the Pakistani World Cupper in 1987, hammered a typical 61 off 84 balls which included three fours while his compatriot Nasir Shaukat remained unbeaten on a rapid-fire 10-ball 20. For Mohammedans Hasibul Hossain

Shanto claimed three wickets for 43 in his 10 overs.

In reply, Mohammedans were off to a disastrous start losing half of their wickets on scoreboard reading only 61 runs. Opener Raja Arshad fell for a duck while his partner Parvez scored 23 before becoming the first victim of Athar, who together with Pakistani Nasir Shaukat ran through the Mohammedan batting line-up. Left-hander Mustadr Litu, who shared 42 runs for the second wicket with Parvez, was bowled by Nasir after scoring 13. His departure at 52/2 inflicted a stunning collapse as Mohammedans lost their next three wickets for the addition of only nine runs to the total.

Nasir, who bowled with venom, dismissed Sanwar for two and Athar had a frustrated Mohammedan skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul for four. The departure of Bulbul, who misused a lofted drive and spooned it to a running Shanu at the bowler's

ing a low catch behind the wicket.

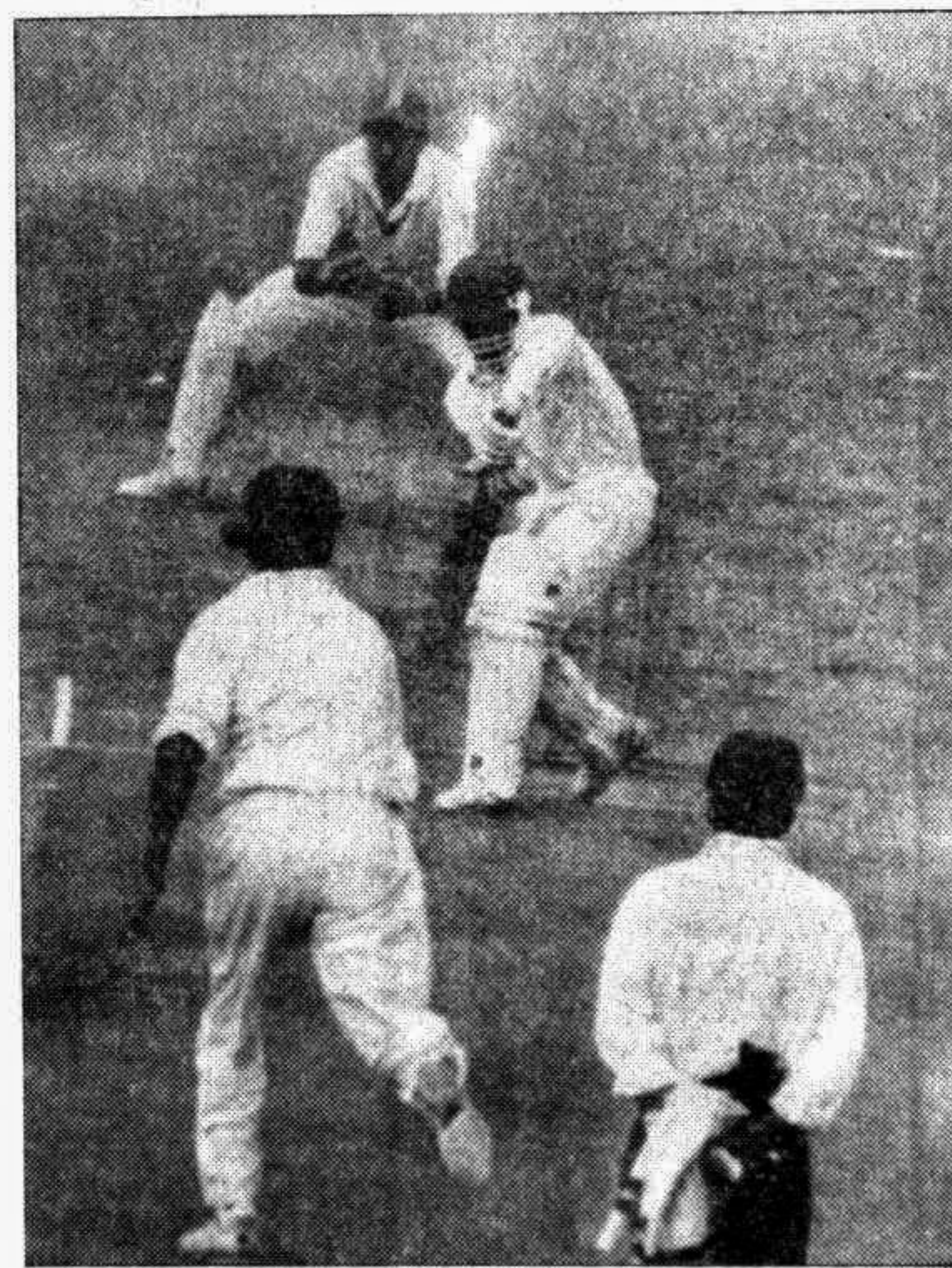
With this two quick blows Nasir, a useful Pakistani recruit for Biman, finished with a fantastic figures of 7-1-13-4. While Athar, who mopped up the tail, gave away only 24 runs for his four scalps.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day, Wari Club confirmed the last slot of the six-team super league defeating Agrani Bank by seven wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

In a low-scoring affair, Wari, chasing a paltry Agrani Bank total of 143, rattled up the required 144 for three in 37.4 overs to celebrate their sixth win on completion of the eleven first phase engagements.

Opener Obaidullah hammered a polished 66 while one-down Sajjad Kadir scored an unbeaten 45.

Earlier, the Agrani Bank total was built around a plucky 47 from opener Azam Iqbal, the



Biman's Athar Ali draws out a forward defensive prod from Mohammedan's middle-order bat Mustadr Litu in yesterday's Premier cricket league tie at the Dhaka Stadium. The southpaw fell for unlucky 13 in a total of 165 by Mohammedans who lost the match by 71 runs. — Star photo

end, perhaps the turning point of the match.

An experienced Minhazul Abedin Nannu and Khaled Mahmood Sujon, however, rekindled hopes for Mohammedans, putting on a defiant 73 runs for the sixth wicket. But once Nasir, returning to his second spell, removed both the set batsmen in successive deliveries, a defeat for Mohammedans was a forgone conclusion. Sujon was caught at long-off after scoring 34 while Nannu, the top scorer for Mohammedans with 42, followed him in the next delivery, offering

only 20-plus contribution to the vanquished total. For Wari mew-ball bowlers Arif and Babu and Pakistani Amir Wasim notched two wickets each. It was Agrani sixth defeat on completion of their disappointing first phase campaign of the league.

The bankers, who started the domestic season on a high note by finishing runners-up in the Damal Smriti cricket tourney, will now feature in the six-team relegation league along with Gulshan Youth, Lalmitia, GMCC, Surjo Tarun and Victoria.

Johannesburg

Test today

Sports Reporter

India and South Africa meet in the third and final Test in Johannesburg today.

South Africa have already clinched the rubber 2-0.

Boys beat City Club

Sports Reporter

CITY CLUB: 198 all out in 44.2 overs (Russel 47, Masud 30, Simon 24; Titu 4/29)

BANGLADESH BOYS: 201 for five in 44.1 overs (Mirza Akbar 52, Titu 36, Ashraf 31*, Sumon 30; Masud 3/43)

Result: Bangladesh Boys Club won by five wickets.

Bangladesh Boys recorded a five-wicket victory over City Club in a First Division cricket league encounter at the City Club ground yesterday.

Electing to bat first, the losers were all out for 198 in 44.2 overs with tail ender Russel hammering highest 47.

In reply, the Gopibagh outfit reached home (201) in the 45th over with the loss of five wickets. Pakistani middle order Mirza Akbar Beg top-scored with 52 while Titu (36) and Ashraf (31 not out) were the other main contributors to the winners' account.

Nine atop

Sports Reporter

The number of frontrunners were reduced to nine in the 18th national junior chess championship at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In yesterday's round, defending champion Abdullah Al Rakib and eight other players — Mahfuzur Rahman Imon, Tofazzal Hossain Rumu, Abu Sultan Shakil, Ashrafur Rahman Murad, Tipu Sultan, Mehdi Hasan, Debraj Chatterjee and Abul Hashem, recorded their third successive victory and remained atop the table with full three points.

The fourth round of the nine-round Swiss league format will begin at the same venue at 10 am today.

Regrettable record!

MELBOURNE, Jan 15: Veteran Australian cricketer Steve Waugh has picked up a record he'd rather forget by playing in a 11 consecutive limited-over losses, reports AP.

Starting from the defeat by Sri Lanka in the Singer Cup final in September, Waugh played in all five defeats in India, missed the two wins over the



STEVE WAUGH

West Indies in December with a groin strain, and has been in the last five losses to Pakistan and the West Indies.

Australia will miss the triangular World Series finals for the first time in 17 years and plays its last round-robin match against Pakistan on Thursday.

"I'm well aware of the fact," said Waugh. "I just hope it's not 12 in a row."

"If you play long enough you are going to achieve some sort of records but this one is something I'm not overly happy about. The team hasn't played well in recent times — we're getting ourselves into positions to win games and just haven't done it."

"When teams get into the habit of losing it's hard to get out of it but once we get out of our slump I think we're going to win a lot in a row."

The all-time record is 18 in a row suffered by Zimbabweans David Houghton, Andy Pycroft and John Traicos between their 1983 World Cup win over Australia at Trent Bridge, England, and their 1992 World Cup win over England in Albury, Australia.

Tennis' dubious distinction

MONACO, Jan 15: Spaniard Ignacio Trujillo on Tuesday became the first tennis player to be suspended for doping, reports Reuters.

The ATP Tour, which controls most of the competitions in men's professional tennis, said in a statement that Trujillo, 23, had "violated the tennis anti-doping rule for Class I and II substances" and had been banned with immediate effect.

It said Trujillo, ranked 127 in the world, would be banned for a year from all tennis and forfeit 192 singles ranking points.

The ATP said Trujillo would also forfeit 39,985 dollars in prize money earned since the Ostende Challenger Circuit tournament last July, suggesting that was when he failed a dope test.

It did not, however, say what substance Trujillo had taken. But it said a one-year penalty was applied in the case of Class I products "which include steroids, masking agents and compounds."

MSC go down fighting

Sports Reporter



Local giants Mohammedan Sporting Club suffered a reversal of fortune in the ongoing invitational hockey tournament as they succumbed to a marginal 4-5 defeat to Pakistan International Airlines yesterday.

Pakistan's World Cup hero



SADEK ... double strike

Kamran Ashraf struck twice while Qamar Ibrahim, Mohammad Khalid and Imran Yousuf scored once each for the winners. On the other hand, ace scorer Sadeq netted two goals for the home side while Musa

and Kamal added the other two. In the second match of the five-team invitational meet which saw fortunes fluctuate throughout, Mohammedans, who trailed the first half 1-2, made a brilliant comeback in the early second session and were up 4-2 with three goals in 17 minutes. But a late second half rally by the Pakistan national flag carriers transformed the game as they pumped in three goals in five minutes to take the match away from the hands of the locals.

Mohammedans began their yesterday's match on a promising note against the experienced Pakistanis who fielded three players from their national squad which participated in the Champions' Trophy recently. The black and whites were ahead as early in the sixth minute with Sadeq sounding the board capitalising on a Musa cross from the right. But the lead lasted only eight minutes as PIA hit back with two field goals inside a minute.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Invitational international hockey tournament:

Abahani vs Sri Lankan Army (1 pm)

PIA vs Indian Airlines (2:30 pm)

Premier Division cricket league:

Abahani vs Brothers Union (DS)

First Division cricket league:

Sadharan Bima vs Uttara SC (DCS)

Dhaka Wanderers vs Ajax SC (City Club ground)

Acme Second Division cricket league:

East End Club vs Lalbagh SC (DCG)

Khelaghar SKS vs Shantinagar A' (Uttara)

Uditt Club vs Jatrabari KC (MOS)

Orient SC vs Lancashire CC (DCS)

Kamran Ashraf, the inspirational Pakistan forward, netted the equaliser from a Khalid pass in the 14th minute while former Pakistan international Qamar Ibrahim, who played for MSC's local rivals Abahani two years back, put his side ahead utilising an Iran pass a minute later to leave the scores 2-1 in the visitors' favour.

After the lemon break, Mohammedans staged a brilliant comeback with an offensive game and kept their opponents almost cornered in their own half. The hard world paid dividends in the 37th minute when they earned a penalty following a foul on Sadeq by PIA defender Abu Bakar in the danger zone. Musa drew the scores level with a brilliant push from the spot that sailed over the PIA custodian's head.

Sadeq, one of five loaned players for Mohammedans, reestablished the lead after three minutes when he flicked the ball home from an Isa freehit while emerging striker Kamal made it 4-2 in the 52nd minute with another field goal capitalising a rebounder from close range.

After conceding the fourth goal, the Pakistanis pulled together against a seemingly exhausted Mohammedan outfit and stole the match with a three goal spurt in five minutes that began with Mohammad Khalid, who represented Pakistan in the Champions' Trophy, making use of a Kamran pass in the 53rd minute.

After two minutes, Kamran leveled the score with a close hit from a rebounder while defender Imran converted a penalty corner that proved to be the match-winner in the 58th minute.

Stunned by the three late goals by their opponents Mohammedans tried to even things out desperately. But the PIA defenders stood stoutly and

snuffed out their sorties. The winners will take on Indian Airlines in their second match at the same venue today at 2:30 pm.

Meanwhile, a 19-member Indian Airlines team arrived in the capital last evening. The Powerful Indian outfit who won the Lal Bahadur Shastri trophy in Delhi last Monday defeating Air India through tiebreaker



KAMRAN ... two goals have five players in their squad from the national team which participated in the Champions' Trophy last month.

TEAMS

PIA: Ahmed Alam, Ali Raza Saleem Amir, Iran Yousuf, Imran Yousuf, Abu Bakar, Qamar Ibrahim, Arif Bashir, Kamran Ashraf, Khalid, Asad (Zehsan).

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Javed, Mahfuzul Alam, Shahidullah, Musa (Mirajul Ahsan), Zahurul Islam, Ashiquezzaman, Rubel, Rafiqul Islam, Sadeq, Javed and Issa.

Umpires: Mir Mohammad and Aslam Belim.

Notice Inviting Tender

No 5 of 96-97

- Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in Form No 2911 from all classes of approved (civil) contractors of this Department for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned, Executive Engineer, PWD Division-I/II, Rajshahi/Natore/Naogaon up to 12-00 Noon on 28-1-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM.
- Name of work : Construction of approach road within the compound of District Veterinary Hospital at Pabna.
- Estimated cost : Tk 1,26,886/-.
- Earnest money : Tk 2538/- in the form of Sanchay-partra/BD, CD from any scheduled bank. Fixed deposit holder to submit a certificate from the concerned Executive Engineer received within three months.
- The tender form together with the schedule of items, specification, terms and conditions, plans etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and above mentioned offices during office hours on payment of usual charges up to 27-1-97.

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Md Azmal Haque

Executive Engineer

PWD Division, Pabna.

Steffi survives a scare



MELBOURNE, Jan 15: Steffi Graf needed a wakeup call, then was unstoppable. Michael Chang was just unstoppable.

Dismissing the stars' brisk and business-like approach, Germany's Karsten Braasch advanced to the third round of the Australian Open today after playing billiards into the wee hours.

Any lack of sleep before his 10 am match didn't seem to hurt as he pounded 35 aces and upset No 12 seed Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden 3-6, 7-6, (8-6), 6-4, 6-4.

The victory will help as Braasch rebuilds his career after back surgery in late 1995 and whiplash suffered in a car accident last year. He has slipped from a high of 38th in the rankings in 1994 to 488th.

Graf's career has prospered despite injuries and the distress of her father's arrest and trial for evading taxes on her tennis earnings.

The world's No 1 woman player said the latest developments weren't a factor in her erratic start as she fell behind 2-5 before saving four set points and charging to a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Latvia's Larisa Neiland, ranked 61st.

Graf said that getting heated up over a line call helped pump her up as she won nine games in a row, taking her to a 4-0 lead in the second set.

Still, she acknowledged, "I have been a little unfortunate, every time I play in Grand Slams, coming to difficult moments of everything happening."

Chang, the men's No 2 seed, cashed in six of 14 break points in a 6-3, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Richey Reneberg.

In his bid for his first Grand Slam title since the French Open in 1989, Chang next faces rising star Tim Henman, champion of last week's Sydney International and object of a growing frenzy back home in Britain. Henman beat France's Guillaume Raoux 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

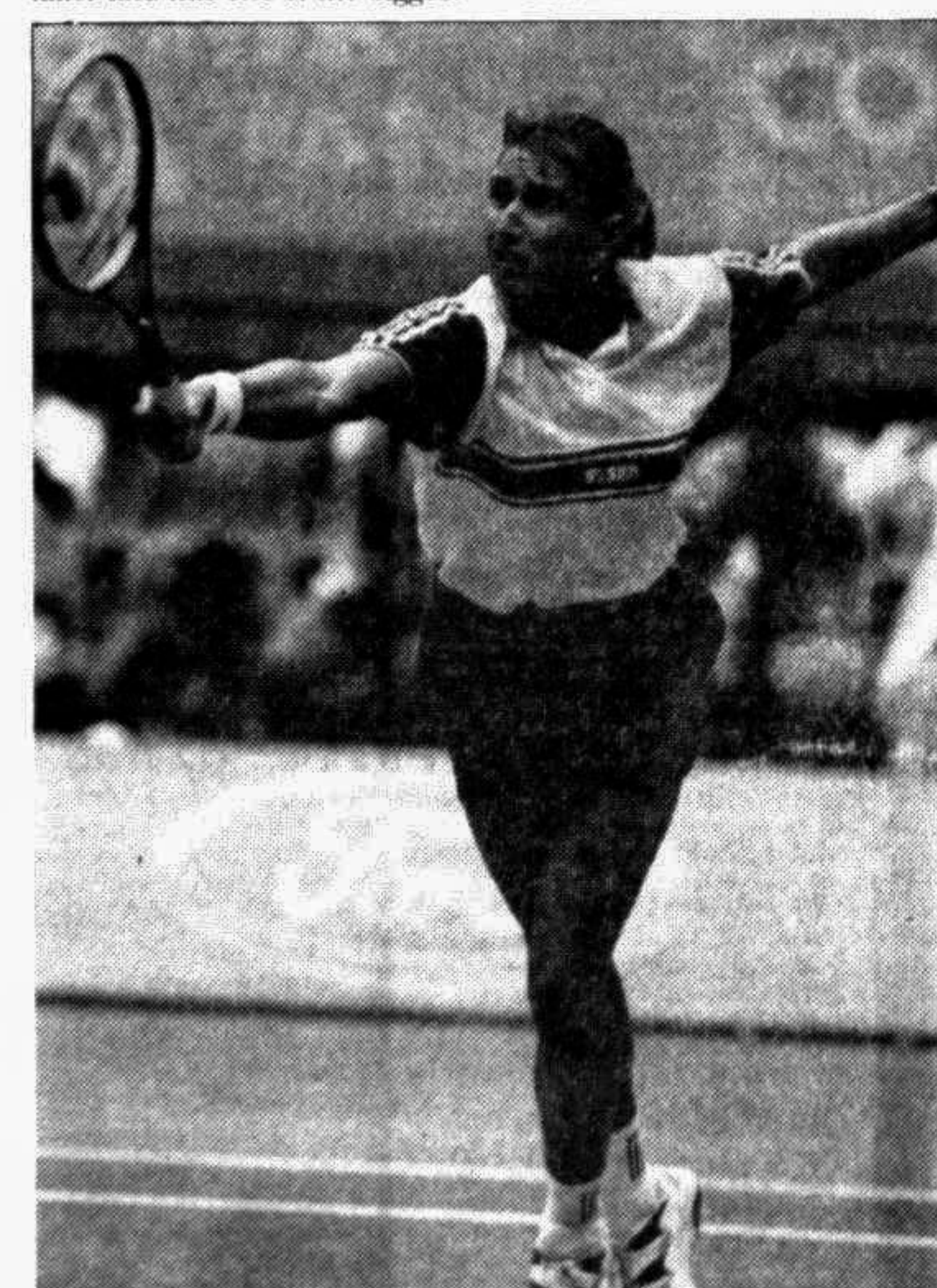
Spain's Carlos Moya, who ousted Becker in the first round this time, advanced to the third by beating Patrick McEnroe 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-1.

Meanwhile, No 7 seed Thomas Enqvist of Sweden beat Australia's Richard Fromberg 6-4, 6-4, 7-5. No 9 seed Marcelo Rios of Chile eased past American Michael Joyce 6-0, 6-4, 6-2 and No 14 Felix Mantilla of Spain beat Fernando Meligeni of Brazil 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

In other women's matches, Japan's 5-foot-2 Rika Hiraki, ranked 86th in the world, scored a 6-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory over No 10 seed Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, who stands one foot taller and has one of the biggest

serves in women's tennis. Mary Pierce, the 1995 champion, marked her 22nd birthday by beating Ukraine's Natalia Medvedeva 6-2, 6-2.

No 3 seed Conchita Martinez of Spain beat Adriana Gersi of the Czech Republic 6-2, 7-6 (8-6). No 7 Lindsay Davenport defeated Italy's Flora Perletti 6-2, 7-5. No 12 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa ousted Germany's Jana Kandarr 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) and No 16 Sabine Appelmans of Belgium beat American Ann Grossman 6-4, 6-1.



World number one Steffi Graf of Germany in action against Latvian Larisa Neiland during a second round engagement at the Australian Open in Melbourne yesterday. The top seeded German won 7-5, 6-2. — AFP/UNB photo

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Tender Notice

Tender Notice No-16/PSS/FD/BZ/SED(ADB)/96-97

Dated: 04-1-97

Name of Project : Selected Private Educational Institution Secondary Education Development (ADB) Project.

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department's A/1 & A/2 class enlisted contractor for development work of Private Secondary Schools under selected Private Educational Institution Secondary Education Development (ADB) Project.

Name of Thanas & Schools and other terms & conditions are as follow:

Group No.	District	Thana	Name of Educational Institution	Name of Project
01 (one)	Bagerhat	Sadar	Jahanabad Girls' Secondary School.	ADB-2
02 (two)	Pirojpur	Math Baria	Gulishakhali Sagor Memorial Girls' Secondary School.	ADB-2

a)	Estimated cost of each group	: 8,01,589/41
b)	Earnest money of each group	: 16,100/-
c)	Time for completion of work	: 04 (four) months.
d)	Date of purchasing tender document	: 25-01-97 (within office hours)
e)	Last date & time of receiving tender document	: 26-01-97 up to 1:00 PM.
f)	Date & time of opening tender document	: 26-01-97 at 1:30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any present).